GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON EX-SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems of Ex-servicemen as has been brought out in the Dainik Tribune of April 17, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering appointing a high level Committee to look into the problems being faced by them;

(c) if so, when would such a Committee to be constituted; and

(d) the other measures being taken to resolve the problems of Ex-servicemen? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): In the wake of Kargil operation, a Committee wasconstituted in August 1999 under the Chairmanship of Raksha Mantri to evolve a National Policy for the Welfare of Jawans and Ex-Servicemen.The Union Finance Minister and Chief Ministers of six States are the members of the Committee.

Besides this, the Kendriya Sainik Board, the Rajya Sainik Boards and Zila Sainik Boards have been set up to resolve the problems of Ex-Servicemen and their dependents.